(b) the date of handing over the captive coal mine to the WCL based Central Collieries company, year-wise, the quanity of coal extracted/ produced from the said mine alongwith the market value of the same;

(c) whether the Central Collieries company has sold this coal in open market;

(d) whether the said company has not generated even a single unit of electricity from this coal; and

(e) if not, the action being taken by Government against the company for selling the coal in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Coal blocks have been allocated to private companies for coal mining for captive use in power generation, iron and steel production and cement production in terms of the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973.

(b) and (c) The Takli-Jena-Bellora (South) coal block in the command area of Western Coalfields. Ltd. was allocated to M/s. Central Collieries Company Limited (CCCL) on 29.05.1998. M/s. CCCL had obtained a mining lease from the Government of Maharashtra on 17.02.2000. It started mining in the block some time in May, 2000. It had produced and sold coal in the open market to the tune of approximately 60,000 tonnes from the mine by November, 2002.

(d) Yes, sir.

(e) The Coal Controller had issued a direction uder the provision of the Colliery Control Order, 2000 restraining M/s. CCCL from disposing of / supplying coal from their captive mine to any other agencies/ parties. The mining lease granted by the Government of Maharashtra in favour of M/s. CCCL has been declared void by the Revisional Authority for violation of the captive use conditions.

**Captive coal mines under SECL**

†2722. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of captive coal mines allotted under S.E.C.L. indicating the names of the companies alongwith the name of mines so allotted;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether these companies also sell their coal to other companies besides their internal use;

(c) if so, the details of the companies to whom this coal was sold during the last five year alongwith the quantum of coal sold its value and rate in each case; and

(d) the details of Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The details of the coal blocks allocated in the command area of SECL command area for captive mining alongwith the names of the allocatee companies are given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below)

(b) From the blocks allocated in SECL command areas for captive mining of coal, production has started in two blocks only. Coal obtained from a captive mine/block is allowed to be disposed to a third party only under special circumstances such as some force majeure situation or due to grade mismatch with the prior approval of the Government.

(c) M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. has been permitted to sell to others 6.79 lakh tonnes of washery middling, obtained after washing the coal mined from the captive block, which could not be used in its end-use plants. Out of this, the company has disposed of 1.782 lakh tonnes in the market.

(d) The Government has allowed disposal of coal by an allocatee of captive block to a third party engaged in any of the approved end used provided the end-use plant of the allocatee is not in a position to accept coal on account of force majeure situation or because of grade mismatch resulting from the grade of coal mined from the captive block not matching with the requirement of end-use plant, with the prior approval of the Government only.

***Statement***

*The details of the coal blocks allocated in the command area of SECL alongwith the names of allocatee companies*

| Sl.No | Name of the block | Name of the allocatee company |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Gare-IV/1 | Jindal Steel and Power Limited |
| 2. | Gare-IV/5 | Monnet Ispat |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 3. | Gare-IV/2 | Jindal Steel and Power Limited |
| 4. | Gare-IV/3 | Jindal Steel and Power Limited |
| 5. | Gare-IV/4 | Jayswal Neco Limited |
| 6. | Gare-IV/7 | Raipur Alloys Limited |
| 7 | West of Umaria | Garuda Clays |
| 8. | Chotia | Prakash Industries Ltd. |
| 9. | Gidhmuri | Chattisgarh State Electricity Board |
| 10. | Patoria | Chattisgarh State Electricity Board |
| 11. | Tara | Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation |
| 12. | Panch bahani | Shree Radhe Industries |
| 13. | Madanpur South | Hindustan Zinc Limited |
| 14. | Nakia-I | Chattisgarh Captive Coal Mining Limited, a consortium of Five allocatee |
| 15. | Nakia-II | Chattisgarh Captive Coal Mining Limited, a consortium of Five allocatee |
| 16. | Gare-IV/6 | Jindal Steel and Power Limited |
| 17. | Gare-IV/8 | Jayswal Neco. Ltd. |
| 18. | Madanpur (North) | Sunflag Industries and others |

**Utilization of USO funds**

2723. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than half of the money (Rs 7,000 crore out of Rs. 10,753) that telecom consumers pay for creation of rural telephony infrastructure is lying unused in Government coffers;

(b) whether the finance Ministry is to be blamed for this under-utilisation of funds as it controls the Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund collected; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make maximum utilization of USO fund?